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Re: WT Docket No. 97-207:
Calling Party Pays Service Offering in the Commercial Mobile Radio Services

Dear Commissioner Powell:

As a member of ACUTA: the Association of Telecommunications Professionals in Higher Education, Canisius College has closely followed the Calling Party Pays ("CPP") rulemaking proceeding and strongly supports the positions expressed in ACUTA's comments. Like many ACUTA members, we are a non-profit educational institution deeply concerned that without appropriate safeguards, CPP will expose Canisius College to significant financial liability that would undermine our ongoing effort to provide educational services.

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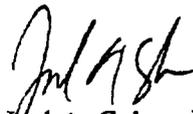
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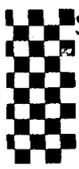
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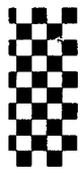
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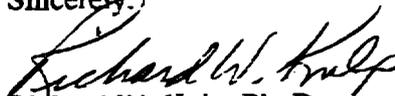
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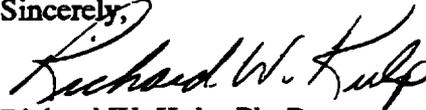
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I am Jerry DeSantis, Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration at Oswego State University of New York. As a member of ACUTA: the Association of Telecommunications Professionals in Higher Education, Oswego State has closely followed the Calling Party Pays ("CPP") rulemaking proceeding and strongly supports the positions expressed in ACUTA's comments. Like many ACUTA members, we are a non-profit educational institution deeply concerned that without appropriate safeguards, CPP will expose our University to significant financial liability that would undermine our ongoing effort to provide educational services.

Oswego State University of New York currently has nearly 8,000 students and 1,000 employees. With an extensive telecommunications infrastructure accessible to such a large number of student and employee users, we face the very real threat of uncontrollable, unauthorized CPP calls.

Currently, students and employees place telephone calls from extensions in campus buildings that are routed through a centralized PBX controlled by the telecommunications department. Our existing PBXs can easily be programmed to block, or track call detail for, a variety of calls, such as toll ("1+") calls (which will bill for) and calls to pay-per-call services (i.e., calls to "900" numbers, which we block), based on the unique numbering schemes associated with these types of calls. For example, when a student places a long distance call from his/her dormitory room, the PBX requests an authorization code before completing the call. This process enables our telecommunications department to bill the individual caller for his/her toll charges. If a new type of toll call is introduced (in the form of a CPP service) that does not use the same type of billing as toll calls scheme (i.e. different rate plans, roaming charges etc.) we will not be able to accurately rebill the calling party at the time the call is placed. Given the

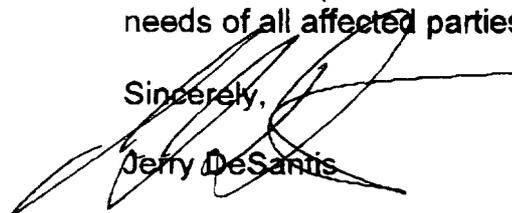
transient nature of our students (a normal 25% turnover annually) the caller may not be part of our system by the time the bill is received on campus. This is especially true for calls placed near the end of the semester.

We agree that verbal notification to calling parties is a critical prerequisite to the implementation of CPP in a way that protects consumers. But this kind of notification by itself would not protect our institution from unauthorized CPP calls. A student or employee can hear the notification, but the institution will never be able to bill that student or employee for his/her charges. Without some means to screen and block calls, it will take very little time for our campus population to learn that "free" calls can be made to CPP numbers, the cost of which will ultimately be borne by Oswego State. Even a small percentage of calls made to CPP numbers would have a direct and immediate impact on our already constrained budget.

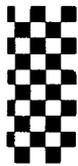
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As a non-profit educational institution, we are always concerned when we face the prospect of uncertain or uncontrollable external costs. On our campus, wireless telephones have become increasingly popular, particularly with students. Thus, our concern about the likelihood of unrecoverable costs associated with CPP calls is well placed. Given the re-allocation of financial responsibility caused by CPP, the importance of enabling subscribers to block, or track, CPP calls is undeniable. The Commission would best serve the public interest -- and accommodate the needs of educational institutions such as ours -- by assigning a unique SAC to all CPP numbers. We appreciate the opportunity to offer the Commission our views on this matter, and we look forward to the successful implementation of CPP in a manner that will take into account the needs of all affected parties.

Sincerely,



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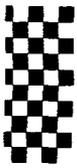
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